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Sir

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR \$1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including November 14, 2008 to make this reply timely.

This Amendment is being filed in response to a first Office Action mailed on May 14, 2008 in the above-captioned application and is divided into the following sections:

Amendment to the Specification and Abstract begins on page 2 of this paper.

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